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SUBJ: THE GOVERNOR'S COMMENTS

1. DURING THE COURSE OF MY CALL ON THE GOVERNOR OCT. 9, YARA EMPHASIZED HIS HOPE THAT OUR NEGOTIATIONS ON BASE CONSOLIDATION WOULD PAY SPECIAL CARE TO THE DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF LOCAL OKINAWAN COMMUNITIES. HE SINGLED OUT IN PARTICULAR CHATAN VILLAGE AS SQUEEZED IN ON A HILLSIDE BY THE ARMY INSTALLATIONS AT HAMBY, KUE

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AND SUKIRAN, AND ALSO YOMITAN VILLAGE WHERE THERE ARE LARGE UNUSED AREAS AT THE DESERTED BOLO AND YOMITAN AIRFIELDS. ALTHOUGH ANXIOUS FOR THE RETURN OF BASE HOLDINGS, INTERESTINGLY YARA ALSO DWELT ON THE HEADACHES THAT THEN COME ALONG FOR THE PREFECTURAL ADMINISTRATION WHICH HAS TO DECIDE WHO OWNS WHAT. WHILE HE THOUGHT THERE WERE NO EASY SOLUTIONS, YARA HOPED THAT THE PROBLEM WOULD BE ALLEVIATED BY A POSSIBLE NEW LAW AND BY GENEROUS GOVERNMENT ALLOCATIONS FOR PUR-
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CHASE OF LAND FOR PUBLIC FACILITIES.

2. AS EXPECTED, THE GOVERNOR DWELT AT LENGTH ON THE ANTI-MILITARY FEELINGS OF THE OKINAWAN PEOPLE AND HIMSELF ("WE NOTED THE ONLY ISLANDS ATTACKED BY THE AMERICANS IN 1945 WERE THOSE WITH SIGNIFICANT JAPANESE MILITARY INSTALLATIONS ON THEM"). HE ALSO EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT THE INTERNATIONAL OCEAN EXPOSITION WOULD SUCCEED AND THE ATTENDANT LOCAL PROBLEMS WOULD BE GINGERLY HANDLED BY THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

3. THE GOVERNOR OVERALL SEEMED IN FINE FETTER, PERHAPS BECAUSE OF THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION (FOR HIM AND THE REFORMISTS) OF THE CURRENT LOCAL FLAP OVER SEVERAL SELF DEFENSE FORCE SUMO WRESTLERS BEING INCLUDED IN THE OKINAWA TEAM TO THE NATIONAL ATHLETIC TOURNAMENT. THE WRESTLERS "RESIGNED" FROM THE TEAM, REPORTEDLY THROUGH THE MEDIATION OF DEFENSE MINISTER YAMANAKA.

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